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## ~~Speaker Registration~~ Testimony

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Meeting Date (\*) 2016-05-10  
Council/PH Committee (\*) Budget  
Agenda Item (\*) Bill 14, Zoo Parking Study  
Your position on the matter (\*) Oppose  
Representing (\*) Self  
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**Written Testimony**

May 9, 2016 Dear Councilmembers, I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed expenditure of \$500,000 for planning related to a proposal to construct a parking structure at the Honolulu Zoo in Kapiolani Park. I remind you that as trustees of the Park's land trust, it is your obligation to uphold the intent of the trust including complying with of the 1991 Court order that allows only "existing parking so long as" it is reasonably priced and clearly marked for park users only. By definition, the proposed garage is being built as a revenue-generator and is not for park users only. The proposed parking garage is intended to and will be used as parking for commercial businesses such as the Denny's that is to be built across the street with insufficient parking. Kapiolani Park trust land cannot be used as relief for developers seeking to provide less parking than is required by zoning and common sense. If the Honoulu Zoo feels its patrons cannot find parking, the solution is NOT to build a structure that violates the park trust. An attendant or security patrol such as the ones deployed in private lots marked for "customers only" would solve the

problem of not enough parking for zoo and park patrons. A zoo parking structure is not economically feasible. Parking in Kapiolani Park is capped at a "reasonable" rate - how long would it take to recover the cost of a \$500,000 study at \$.50/hour? How about a multi-million dollar construction price tag? Bottom line, Kapiolani is a PARK, not a parking lot. Please uphold the trust's intent, as is your duty, and oppose the proposal to cut down irreplaceable trees to build a parking structure on park land. Sincerely, Donna L. Ching

**Testimony  
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